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New dormitory shows quality of life initiative

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Monday a ribbon cutting ceremony marked a milestone at Davis-Monthan with the opening of the second quad-style dormitory in the Air Force.

"This dorm is the newest gem on D-M," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. This is an icon of D-M and of installation stewardship.

"The Air Force has certainly come a long way developing and nurturing Airmen by improving their living conditions," Colonel

Spencer said. In the 1950s two Airmen were put in one room and had community bathrooms.

Each Airman living in the quad dorm has a room with a private bedroom and full bathroom as well as access to a kitchen/common room to share with three other residents. The module includes a refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer.

The new quad-style dormitory has 120 dormitory rooms, which Airmen will begin to occupy Oct. 12.

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355th CES captures title of 'Best in ACC'

By Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, made a surprise visit to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron's commander's call Friday. His purpose: to announce that the 355th CES had won the Best Civil Engineer Squadron in Air Combat Command (small base category).

"It was a welcomed surprise," said Lt. Col. Thomas Brown, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. "The squadron worked hard to earn this recognition, but

with competition this tough (we competed against all other CE units our size in ACC), it's very special that things worked out this way."

Despite the 355th CES commander's appreciation for the award, he and others are aware of the hard work and dedication it took to win.

"The award came as no surprise to me," said Mike Toriello, 355th CES deputy civil engineer. "The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron has a reputation of dedication and is 'always out in front' with civil engi-

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Airman Veronica Pierce

Airman 1st Class John DeViese, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, repairs a crack on a tow bar used to pull ground equipment.

ACC honors D-M firefighter as best in command for 2004

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Sept. 29 a civilian from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron was named the Air Combat Command Civilian Firefighter of the Year for 2004.

Amy Erickson won the award not only for the dedication she shows to her job as a firefighter but for all of the extra duties she is involved in, said Master Sgt. Kash Christopher, 355th CES as-

sistant chief of readiness. "She volunteers a great deal of her off-duty time to help the squadron. She single handedly got our new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Program up and running well ahead of the deadline given by Air Combat Command."

In addition to her work on the SCBA, which is what firefighters wear into a fire, she has taken on the role of being the physical fit-

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Health hazard at Blanchard

Complaint: A problem exists at the base golf course. There are areas of standing water where a large amount of mosquitoes accumulate. As of Oct. 1, there have been more than 350 reported cases of the West Nile Virus in Arizona alone. This standing water creates a health risk to anyone playing on the course as the mosquitoes are hard to avoid. Are you able to fix this problem or should it be referred to the Public Health Department?

Response: Thank you for your inquiry concerning the water on the Blanchard Golf Course. With Installation Stewardship top on our priorities, we are continually striving to improve your course in a wide variety of ways; like the quality of the grass on the course.

As you can imagine, growing grass in the Sonoran Desert can become a difficult proposition. At D-M, we are also trying to accomplish grass growth with a 20-year old watering system, which complicates the matter more. The system does not have an automatic shut-off feature or the ability to measure ground moisture.

The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron Pest Management section treated the standing

water with bacteria that consumes mosquito larvae. According to the personnel, the treatments caused the mosquito numbers to decline. However, the pest management section will continue to survey and treat for mosquitoes as necessary.

We are very proud of the Blanchard Golf Course and the service we provide to the Davis-Monthan community. We want to make sure all golfers have a fun and safe experience. If you have any further questions or concerns, please call Terry Wilks, Blanchard Golf Course director, at 228-5879.

Agency numbers

AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904
Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964
Chaplain.....	228-5411
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401
Clinic.....	228-2930
Commissary.....	228-3116
Family Support.....	228-5690
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714
Housing Office.....	228-3687
Inspector General.....	228-3558
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Public Affairs.....	228-3204
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Transportation.....	228-3584



Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Master Sgt. Carlos Guevara, 355th Wing, presents Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, with the first Air Combat Command operations security card.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution?

The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message.

They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

Team D-M Mission Spotlight



The 357th Fighter Squadron, known as the 'Dragons,' trains pilots in the A-10 and OA-10 Thunderbolt II. The squadron conducts all formal course directed aircraft transition, day and night weapons and tactics employment, day and night air refueling as well as dissimilar air combat maneuvers. The 357th FS also trains pilots to plan, coordinate, execute and control day and night close air support, air interdiction and battlefield surveillance and reconnaissance. In addition, the

squadron prepares pilots for combat mission ready upgrade.

1st Lt. Kory Klismith, 357th Fighter Squadron of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, sits in an A-10 simulator. The A-10 Simulator is a training device that covers basic surface attacks. This particular simulator is a mock of the Barry Gold Water range, an actual bomb range used by pilots at Davis-Monthan.



Airman Veronica Pierce

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Securing the perimeter

Spike strips have been installed at the Swan, Craycroft and Wilmont Road Gates outbound lanes. Due to possible tire damage, the speed of the outbound lanes has been reduced to five miles per hour; this is the manufactures recommended safe speed.

Pete Villegas (left) and Bill Evers, employees of NAC construction, level cement surrounding a spike strip, which they installed at the Swan Road Gate's outbound lane.



Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

Airmen receive UCMJ punishment

◆ A technical sergeant from the 355th Security Forces Squadron received a reduction to staff sergeant, suspended forfeitures of \$200 pay for two months and a reprimand for **driving a vehicle while drunk, cursing at another military member and then bumping the member in the chest.** These actions were a violation of Articles 111, 117 and 128 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ An airman from the 355th SFS received a suspended reduction to airman basic, restriction to Davis-Monthan for 20 days, 12 days extra duty and a reprimand for **disobeying a no-contact order.** This action was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **failing to report to duty on time and for being drunk while on duty.** These actions were a violation of Articles 86 and 112 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman from the 355th Equipment Main-

tenance Squadron was **discharged** with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**, supported by two Article 15s, one vacation of nonjudicial punishment, one letter of reprimand, one letter of admonishment, one letter of counseling and three records of individual counseling.

◆ An airman first class from the 25th Operational Weather Squadron was **discharged** with an honorable characterization for **a condition that interferes with military service: mental disorder** supported by one Article 15, one LOC and a diagnosis from life skills.

(Editors note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocates Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which include: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)

News Notes

Enlisted call

There is an enlisted call today for airmen basic through senior airmen at 7:30 a.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. in the base theater. All Wing E1s through E4s are required to attend one of these briefings.

AAFES holiday hours

The Army Air Force Exchange Services will have the following hours of operation Monday:

Base exchange: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Burger King: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Car Care Center/Shoppette/Class Six: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

General Nutrition Center: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Home and Garden Center: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shoppette (housing): closed

Snack Bar/Fun Food: closed

All other AAFES Concessions: closed

Financial management classes

The family support center will be holding a Thrift Savings Plan class Oct. 15 and a Car Buying Basics class Oct. 29. Both classes will be held in Building 3200, Room 266 from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, or to register for a class, call 228-5690.

Water outages

There are two scheduled water outages during October. The first outage will be Oct. 18 to 22 from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. This outage will affect Buildings 2300, 2402, 2409, 2441, 2446, 3200, 3203, 3205, 3207, 3208 and 3210. The second outage will be Oct. 24 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The buildings that will be affected are 68, 81, 88, 94, 96, 100, 110, 113, 121, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 139, 140, 145, 146, 148 and 211.

UN deployments

The Air Force is seeking two captains to deploy in support of the United Nations mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea and three captains and one logistic plans major to deploy in support of the UN mission in Liberia. Both deployments leave in January and return in July. Attendance of the Individual Terrorism Awareness Course at Fort Bragg, N.C., is mandatory. Applications must be submitted by Wednesday. For more information, call 228-4736.

Terrorism history

Oct. 9, 1983 North Korean commandos detonated a bomb in Rangoon during a state visit by Republic of Korea officials. Twenty-one Burmese and Korean officials were killed.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and
4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.



Domestic Violence Support Numbers

Emergency.....911
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
Treatment Program (ADAPT).....228-5507
Arizona Coalition Against Domestic
Violence.....1-800-782-6400
Brewster Center Crisis Line.....622-6347
Toll free.....1- 877-472-1717
Duty Chaplain.....228-5411
(After duty hours).....228-3517

Family Advocacy.....228-2104
Family Support Center.....228-5690
Life Skills Support Center.....228-4926
Legal Office.....228-5242
National Domestic Violence
Hotline.....1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
Security Forces Crime Stop.....228-4444
The West House Shelter.....(520) 622-6347
Wings of Freedom Housing.....(520) 881-7201

October is awareness month to remind everyone

Help abounds for victims of domestic violence

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

It is estimated that in America, more than four million women are physically assaulted by an intimate partner each year. In addition, approximately one in four women is likely to be abused by a partner in her lifetime.

In order to combat these numbers, October was named National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"The theme for this year's Domestic Violence Awareness Month is 'Building Respect for Duty and Family,'" said Marley Smith, 355th Medical Operations Squadron Family Advocacy Outreach manager. "The objective is to engage in open discussion and dialogue among leaders, active-duty personnel, spouses and family members to increase community member knowledge, beliefs and attitudes toward violence."

Part of that open dialogue includes discussion on the wide range of resources available to assist those who are involved in, or suffering from, the effects of domes-

tic violence. Making sure the base community is aware of all of the available resources is important in developing and nurturing Airmen and their families.

"There are a variety of ways of treating both offenders and victims," Mr. Smith said. "Here at D-M we offer individual and marital counseling, the Domestic Conflict Containment Program and Anger Management Classes. We strongly recommend individuals or couples seek help at the first warning sign that the relationship may be becoming violent."

In addition to the family advocacy office, other resources include the legal office, chaplains, security forces and more. (A quick reference list of resources and phone numbers are available on Page 2.) Each agency has people standing by to ensure everyone, from victims of domestic violence to those wanting more information regarding warning signs, receives the help and information they need.

Regardless of which resource is used, the message is clear that help is available and seeking it is vital.

"What is most important is that

the victim get to safety," said Capt. Timothy Rushenberg, 355th Wing assistant staff judge advocate. "There are safe houses for domestic violence victims in most cities in America, including Tucson. Priority one is for the victim and any children in the home to get to safety and away from the abuse before it becomes even more serious or even deadly."

Another goal of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Mr. Smith said, is to explore solutions to the domestic violence problem. Many are working hard to reach the goal.

"The Department of Defense is taking Domestic Violence very seriously," Captain Rushenberg said. "In the past, they have been criticized for sweeping domestic violence cases under the rug. But those days are over."

In April of 2000, the DoD formed the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence. The goal of the task force was to investigate the protocol surrounding domestic violence and to recommend changes.

The DTFDV adopted the position that domestic violence is best dealt with by having a consistent,

coordinated community response. A key recommendation was to create a culture shift that does not tolerate domestic violence.

It is a stance Davis-Monthan follows with vigor.

In a memorandum signed by the 355th Wing commander Sept. 16, Col. Michael Spencer writes, "assaulting or otherwise acting violent towards another is inexcusable. This is especially true when the assault or violence is committed against a spouse or other family member. I have zero tolerance for these criminal acts and expect commanders to take appropriate action when they occur."

Another recommendation of the DTFDV was to use the system to hold offenders accountable and to punish criminal behavior.

"I expect swift and appropriate action in these cases," Colonel Spencer writes, "Appropriate action is essential to deter the offender, as well as send a message to all concerned that domestic violence and domestic abuse will not be tolerated."

(Editor's note: This is part one of a two part series)

Core principles of domestic violence intervention

- ◆ Respond to the needs of victims and provide for their safety
- ◆ Hold offenders accountable
- ◆ Consider multi-cultural and cross-cultural factors
- ◆ Consider the context of the violence
- and provide a measured response
- ◆ Coordinate military and civilian response
- ◆ Involve victims in monitoring domestic violence services
- ◆ Provide early intervention

Five things to say to a victim

- ◆ I'm afraid for your safety
- ◆ I'm afraid for the safety of your children
- ◆ It will only get worse
- ◆ I'm here for you
- ◆ You don't deserve to be abused

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neer initiatives."

Though the squadron has worked hard to achieve this award, Mr. Toriello admits they didn't do it on their own.

The award could not have been won without the teamwork of the squadron and support from every unit on base, Mr. Toriello said. "This award helps to reward the men and women of the squadron for their hard work and show case their quality work and unique programs."

"I'm tremendously proud of every man and woman in the squadron," Colonel Brown said. "This award reflects the incredible hard work and sacrifice of every member of the team ... deployed engineers amassed a great war record, while those left behind constantly improved the already top level of stewardship of the installation."

(Right) Airman 1st Class Tesha Hopkins, receives training from Senior Airman Jesus Davila Vega, both from the 355th Civil Engineering Squadron, on measurement and proper procedures for replacing plumbing lines. The 355th CES won the best in Air Combat Command award for 2004.



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

D-M expands educational opportunities

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Oct. 1 D-M became the fourth base in the Department of Defense to establish a national test center provide a place for the mental development and nurturing of the Desert Lightening Community through 35 electronic college level exams.

In April, the Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support and the College Board authorized the base education services center, in conjunction with a local school,

to establish an on-base national test center. The base training and education services and Pima Community College collaborated to make this project a reality.

Having a national test center on base has many benefits, said Marie Hanna, 355th Mission Support Squadron education services officer.

Test takers no longer have to travel to University of Arizona to take Electronic College Level Exams. All Airmen, Reservist, Guardsmen and fellow service-members can take the CLEP eCBT

for free. Dependents, retirees and civilians must pay an administrative fee of \$20 and a test fee of \$55 per test.

At the national test center, test takers will receive their results once the exam is complete. With the paper based tests, individuals had to wait anywhere from four to six weeks to get their results.

"We believe with the new national test center, academic testing should increase tremendously," Mrs. Hanna said.

The national test center will be open Monday, Wednesday and Fri-

day from 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.

"If there's a need for evening or weekend testing, we can look at the possibility of opening the national test center during those times," Mrs. Hanna said.

For more information about the national test center, call 228-0669.

(Editors Note: *The education test center will continue to administer the DANTES, standardized subject tests, Excelsior Tests, certification testing and Air Force Institute of Advanced Distributed Learning Tests.*)

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ness monitor, completes car seat checks and more. All of these projects mean an extensive amount of hours once the time-clock stops running.

But according to Sergeant Christopher, the dedication Ms. Erickson shows for the squad-

ron during and after work are not the only contributors to her winning the award. Her positive attitude also played a part.

"Amy is very humble and very deserving of this award," Sergeant Christopher said. "She works hard and sees no lines between the civilian and military worlds. She just does what it takes to get the job done. In a career where old school thoughts are too often gender related, Amy has been able to brake down barriers so that they do not exist anymore."

"My hat is off to Amy and the 355th CES team," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "Her hard work and dedication are an example of what it takes to create a successful team at D-M. She epitomizes what it takes to develop and nurture our Airmen."

Sergeant Christopher and Ms. Erickson traveled to Langley Air Force Base, Va. Tuesday so she could receive the award in person. Ms. Erickson will now compete at the Air Force level.

Air Force releases captain promotion list

Congratulations to the following first lieutenants who were selected for promotion to captain:

12th Air Force

Glenn Gordian

41st Electronic

Combat Squadron

Anthony Colella, Daniel Heil and Jennifer Kloin

43rd Electronic

Combat Squadron

Jerry Biang, William Connelly, Tam Do, Paul Mikula, Deborah Mitchusson, Matthew Nussbaum, Christopher Occhiuzzo and Chip Yde

48th Rescue Squadron

Matthew McGuinness

55th Rescue Squadron

Jason Chambers, Evan Gardner, Charles McMullen and David Pouska

79th Rescue Squadron

Stephen Berger, Michael Ellis, Colin Ferguson, Jonathan Hayes, Anthony Vahle and Scott Williams

354th Fighter Squadron

Grant McCall, Craig Morash, Vincent Sherer and Michael Stock

355th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

Franklyn Shepherd

355th Component

Maintenance Squadron

Lori Pluchinsky

355th Contracting Squadron

Michael Potts

355th Equipment

Maintenance Squadron

Jeffrey Cowan and Michael Growden

355th Logistics

Readiness Squadron

John Cole and David Schichtle

355th Medical

Support Squadron

Miguel Guevara

355th Wing

Gregory Jackson

357th Fighter Squadron

John Collier, Ryan Hayde, Zachary Laird and Aaron McEwen

358th Fighter Squadron

Matthew Vedder

563rd Maintenance Squadron

Jane Homan

612th Air

Communications Squadron

Adrian Gonzales and Alvin Quinones

612th Air

Intelligence Squadron

Daniel Bass, Carl Metters, Erik Olsen and Maria Vasile

612th Air Support Squadron

David Wilson

755th Operation

Support Squadron

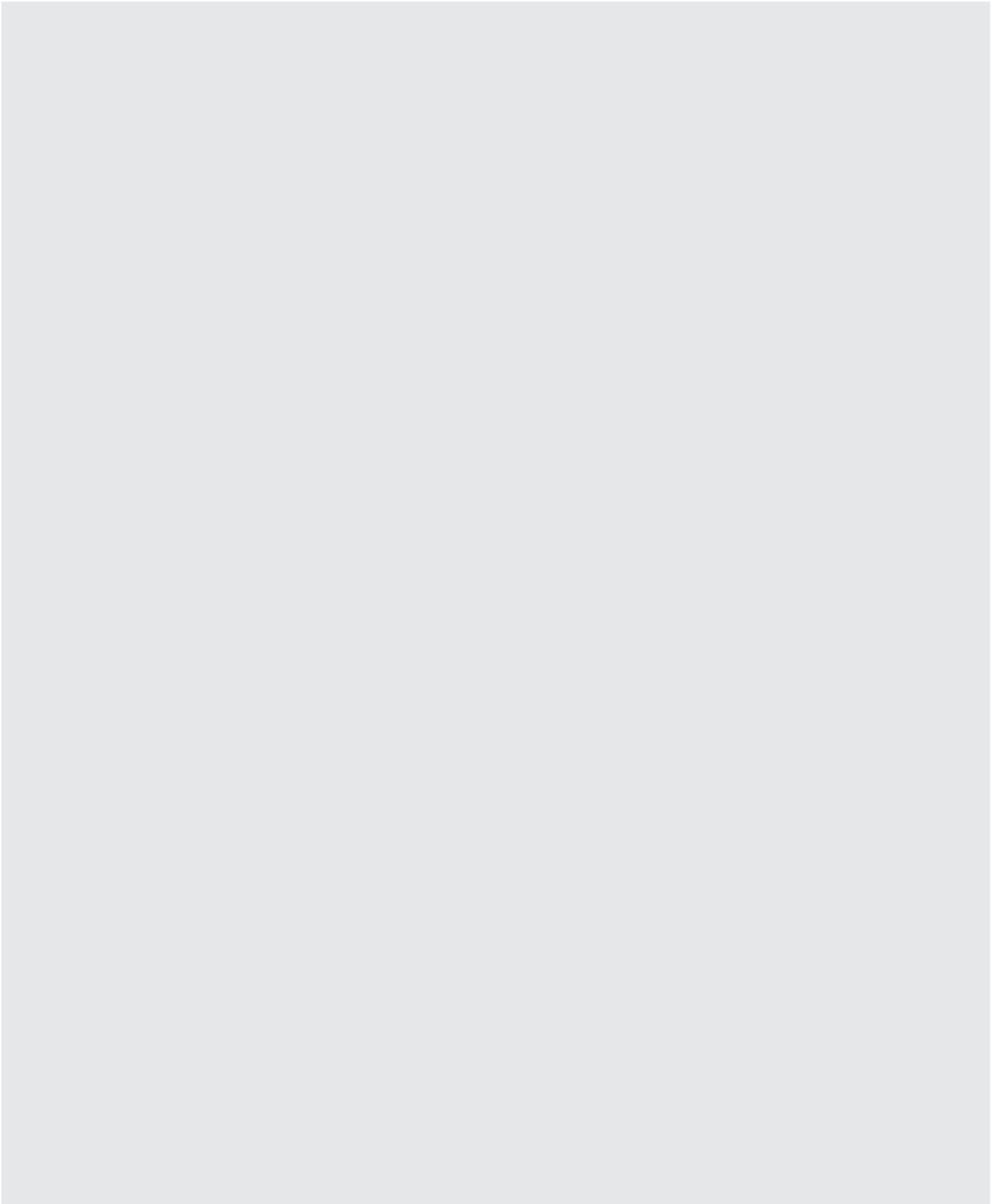
Geoffrey Brasse and Christopher Esterline

Fort Huachuca

Jared Harris

Training to fight ... Davis-Monthan sorties as of Oct. 3 for fiscal 2005

Squadron	Goal	Flown	Percentage	Squadron	Goal	Flown	Percentage
41st Electronic Combat Squadron	19	1	.05	162nd Fighter Squadron	2135	4	.001
43rd Electronic Combat Squadron	34	1	.03	354th Fighter Squadron	503	12	.02
55th Rescue Squadron	57	1	.02	357th Fighter Squadron	392	20	.05
79th Rescue Squadron	32	1	.03	358th Fighter Squadron	366	14	.04



Steps to keep little heroes, villains safe

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

"It's that time of year again, when little ghosts and goblins start to come out of the wood work and it is our responsibility as good installation stewards to ensure the little monsters are kept safe," said Robert Belter, 355th Security Forces Squadron police services.

During Halloween, additional security measures will be in place to better protect members of the Desert Lightning Community.

In particular, individuals who wear masks or make-up, which prevent a gate guard from making a positive ID card identification, will not be able to access the base.

In addition to stringent guidelines at the gate, a group of "Pumpkin Patrol" volunteers will assist security forces in keeping trick-or-treaters safe and secure, Mr. Belter said. The group's primary functions include locating lost

children within base housing and providing a visible presence to deter possible criminal and delinquent activity. The patrol will run during D-M's trick-or-treat hours which are 5 to 8 p.m.

To avoid delinquent activities over night, the regular weekend curfew of 11 p.m. will be in effect.

"We all want to enjoy the spirit of Halloween, but the "trick" in "trick-or-treat" will not be tolerated," Mr. Belter said.

Security forces will not put up with the distribution of "Boo Bags" which are anonymous packages of candy left secretly on the doorstep of another person's home on base.

Housing residents who discover a "Boo Bag" on their porch or see any suspicious activity, should notify security forces at 228-3200 or 228-4444.

Due to the high security posture, unclaimed packages are seen as a threat, Mr. Belter said. Security forces will collect and destroy any

packages left anonymously on base.

In addition to heightened security measures, parents can also help increase their children's safety.

"Halloween is an exciting time for children," said Michael Barnes, 355th Wing chief of safety, "and parents need to ensure their children enjoy it safely."

"There are two very important keys to a safe Halloween; see and be seen, and check the candy," Mr. Barnes said. "Make sure your child can see where they are going and everyone else can see your child. Don't cover their face with a mask which can block vision. Have them carry a flashlight, wear reflective material or attach a glow stick to a costume. Also, tell them not to eat anything until you have time to examine, inspect and eat what you want."

"Pumpkin Patrol" currently needs volunteers. For more information, contact Mr. Belter at 228-2109 by Oct. 23.

Tips children can follow for a safe Halloween evening

- ◆ Walk; don't run, from house to house. Use streets, sidewalks and driveways to enter and leave houses.
- ◆ Walk on the left side of the road facing traffic where there are no sidewalks.
- ◆ Cross the streets at crosswalks or at cor-

ners, never in the middle of the street.

- ◆ Only accept candy in sealed wrappers or packages.

- ◆ Wait to eat treats until they are checked.
- ◆ Never enter the home of a stranger. If a stranger tries to insist, leave there immedi-

ately and tell a parent, police officer or another trusted adult.

- ◆ Don't play pranks that can hurt people or property. Tell adults immediately when someone's participating in something suspicious.

Dorms

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Those making Building 3570 their new home are current residents of Buildings 4200 and 4102. Building 4200 is scheduled to be torn down and Building 4102 will

become a transient dorm for 355th Civil Engineering Squadron Airmen whose current dorm will be receiving renovations.

"This is a great step forward in the quality of life for our Airmen," said Tech. Sgt. Vincent Sharrock, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron dormitory manager. The central common areas will allow Airmen to serve as better Wingmen to one another because they will be interacting more.

The design of these rooms foster and renew a community environment where Airmen can look after one another and grow together, Colonel Spencer said.

Airman Mike Bianchette, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron air transportation technician, is one of the Airmen who will be calling the new dorm his home.

(Left) Airman Mike Bianchette, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, examines a desk at the new quad-style dormitory which he will soon be calling home. In the quad dormitories each Airman will have their own bedroom and bathroom plus a shared kitchen and common area.

"I am honored to be one of the first Airmen to live here," Airman Bianchette said. "I can't wait to move in. The old dorms don't even compare to this one; it is so much better. I am looking forward to only sharing a washer and dryer with three other Airmen — not the whole dorm."

Through the continuation of installation stewardship, Airmen at D-M will continue to reap the benefits of the new construction being done around base.

"I have two challenges for you," Colonel Spencer said to the Airman who will reside in the new dorm. Take care of this dorm for the Airmen who will reside here in the future and continue the D-M legacy of stewardship by making this dorm better than it is right now.

(Right) Airman 1st Class James Maines (right to left), Airman 1st Class Ryan Bryson and Senior Airman Mark Kudlas, all Airmen with the D-M Base Honor Guard, present the flags to begin a ribbon cutting ceremony for the quad-style dormitory opening. Tuesday Airmen will begin moving into the dorm.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore





Air Force illustration

Hispanics defending freedom — contributions to remember

By Col. Jose Aragon

Pacific Air Forces Financial Analysis Division

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFPN) — Many Hispanic Americans have been drawn to military service for a myriad of reasons. Among those are to seek opportunities for education, growth, advancement, skills and professional success.

Indeed, the military and civilian contributions of Hispanic Americans reflect a deep commitment to the principles of freedom and democracy.

Here are some of their achievements:

In Silvis, a small town in northwestern Illinois, there is a street named Hero Street, formerly known as Second Street. It is just one and a half blocks long in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood.

Joe Gomez, Pete Macias, Johnny Munoz, Tony Pompa, Frank Sandoval, Joe Sandoval, William Sandoval and Claro Soliz grew up together in this small street in a very close-knit community, working for the railroad, just as their fathers before them had done. They went to war

in World War II without hesitation and never came back.

As it turns out, 84 men from the 22 families who resided on this street participated in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. This street has contributed more men to military service than any other place of comparable size in the United States.

Hero Street, has a remarkable story of personal sacrifice and patriotism.

In 2001, America lost a Latino patriot who was diligent in the defense of his country and who protected American lives many times over. His code name, Tango - Mike - Mike, stood for "That Mean Mexican." This patriot, who was also a Medal of Honor recipient, was Army Master Sgt. Roy Benavidez.

Winston Churchill once said, "To every man, there comes in his lifetime that special moment when he is tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique and fitted to his talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds him unprepared and unqualified for the work that would be his finest hour."

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Balancing act

Equilibrium with work, home key to success

By Maj. Mike Shea

75th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

When I took command of my squadron a couple of months ago, I knew going into the job that life was going to change; you are in a fishbowl and everyone notices how you act and react. The hours got longer and the decisions that

affected others' lives became mine. But at the same time I received the pride of ownership and every heartache and joy that goes with it.

With so many things demanding time and attention, it can be tough to prioritize everything without feeling guilty for not giving more time or attention to this person or that event. This

balancing act is one of the most difficult things I've found as a new commander.

I don't believe it is anything that can be taught or dictated in an Air Force Instruction. We are given rules and guidelines on how to deal with specific situations, but as individuals, we place greater or smaller amounts of importance on different

things. The importance of something is what determines where and how we divide our time and attention.

For me, balancing the job and my family is one of the more difficult aspects of being a new commander. I can give a hundred percent everyday, but it is a 50-50

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Final Answer

What can D-M do to reduce driving under the influence?



Colleen Maldonado
Spouse of Capt.
Roger Maldonado,
354th Fighter
Squadron

"At base functions, make sure to ask people if they have a ride home prior to letting them drink."



Capt. Lang Charters
43rd Electronic
Combat Squadron

"Have more parties on base because it would be easier to ensure people had arranged rides prior to leaving."



Staff Sgt. Ryan Finley
355th Equipment
Maintenance Squadron

"Airmen can use AADD, their recall rosters or their Wingman cards. At every briefing we are reminded of all of the resources; people just need to use them."



Staff Sgt. James Kallie
162nd Air
National Guard

"There are already plenty of programs out there to prevent driving under the influence. As a supervisor, I re-enforce the rules to my Airmen."



Capt. Brian Savage
354th Fighter
Squadron

"When planning out the night, budget in a taxi ride home."



Airman Calvin Stoltzfus
563rd Maintenance
Squadron

"There are a lot of options out there. People just need to learn to call a friend or use the other base resources that are available."

Balance

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split, and is that the right split? I'm not sure — competing demands vary each day.

Balancing your life, at work and at home, is an essential part of being successful. Both work and life have their ups and downs and being able to recognize the need for attention in a particular area is important. But it can be difficult when you are emotionally and physically involved. Balance requires discipline and determination to be successful. It is too easy to get wrapped in a single aspect of a job or organization and neglect the other aspects that we may not feel comfortable with, or may not feel require or deserve our time or attention.

Success as a commander has as much to do with balance in our personal lives as it does with the management tools available to us, such as to-do lists used at work. If one part of your life is out of balance, chances are it is

affecting the rest of your life, whether you are aware of it or not. Balance in your life should involve personal time, family time and physical activity.

For me, part of my personal balance includes making time for my family and taking time for myself. Weekdays, I can meet the need to manage my health and time for myself by getting up early in the morning and walking the dog, running or going to the gym before work. I don't have to worry about taking time away from the job or my family and I get my personal time as well as a workout.

Balance at work involves understanding the role you play in an organization. I discovered that balance must be found as a new commander. When I came into the organization I discovered that change can create more problems than it fixes if not done carefully.

Some change is expected with a new commander. You have the ability to balance programs, perspective, people and purpose to achieve a desired outcome, motivate the

personnel and build a strong successful organization, if done carefully.

As the leader of an organization, at any level, we must try to maintain the motivation in an organization by balancing the focus on the people as well as the results if we want to build and maintain a functioning, viable organization.

If a commander runs over the people to achieve a specific outcome, they will have succeeded once, but they will find those people are probably not going to be there or supportive the next time. The see-saw balance places the people dimension on one side and the results or output on the other. The leader can be viewed as the fulcrum. The key to success is to recognize where the squadron is headed and build on the proper attitude and momentum needed for the situation.

Finding how to balance the various aspects of your life will help you take care of whatever you are doing in life, whether you are a technician, someone in charge of a section or flight or a commander.

Special Olympics in need of volunteers for 2004 bowling competition

The Special Olympics bowling competition needs volunteers Oct. 28, 29 and 30 to assist with monitoring the lanes, scoring, distributing lunches and more. For more information, or to volunteer, contact William Anderson at 228-2033 or william.anderson@dm.af.mil.

September Sharp Troop Awards

Congratulations to the following Airmen who were recognized by the Chiefs' Group as outstanding Airmen for their projection of a professional appearance, outstanding bearing and exceptional professionalism.

355th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Leiah Clements

355th Logistics

Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Yadira Ford

355th Maintenance Group

Staff Sgt. Daniel Doble

612th Air

Communications Squadron

Airman Basic Jeffrey Cox

612th Combat Plans Squadron

Airman 1st Class Joshua Cook

Congratulations CDC 90s Club

Congratulations to the following Airmen who recently received a score of 90 or above on their career development course exams.

355th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Eric Baldock, Airman 1st Class

Rorick Kennedy and Airman 1st Class

Benjamin Mahan;

355 Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Rachel Davis, Airman 1st

Class Zachary Kerekes, Staff Sgt. Stephen

Leatherman, Airman 1st Class Matthew

Morris, Airman 1st Class Charles Surratt

and Airman 1st Class Ryan Vargas;

355th Communications Squadron

Airman 1st Class Joshua Saunders;

355th Component Repair Squadron

Airman 1st Class Dustin Akers;

355th Contracting Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Todd Barlow;

355th Dental Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kathryn Dejesus;

355th Equipment

Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Shawna Thorn;

355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Gregory Smith;

355th Maintenance Group

Senior Airman Kelly Evans and

355th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Tiberius Bowe

Volunteers needed for Halloween party

The family support center is hosting a Halloween Party for children of deployed Airmen Oct. 30.

The Halloween Party needs 25 motivated and creative volunteers to engineer and set

up a spooky haunted house and games for the party.

For more information on the Halloween Party, or to volunteer, contact Gloria Mckamy at 228-6017.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member -- officer, enlisted or civilian -- of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Richard Meyers of the 355th Communications Squadron. Sergeant Meyers is the NCO in charge for Commander's Support Section. According to his first sergeant, Senior Master Sgt. Randy Hinsperger, he was nominated for the spotlight because he, "is up to date on everything and one of the best personnel specialists I have worked with in 10 years."

The following are Sergeant Meyer's responses to a variety of questions.

Why did you join the Air Force: I wanted to complete my education.

Career goals: To get my commission.

Hobbies, outside activities: Weight lifting, playing sports

What has been your best assignment and why: D-M because of the awesome year-round weather and its location to visit many great cities like San Diego, Calif., Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Phoenix.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? Always remember people are watching you.

Your most memorable moment in the Air Force? Meeting my first supervisor — Staff



Photo illustration by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Sgt. Menshew — he has left an incredible impression on me.

Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire) and why: Lt. Col. Tammy Knierim, because she has a work ethic and drive for success like no other.

Heart Link Spouse Program

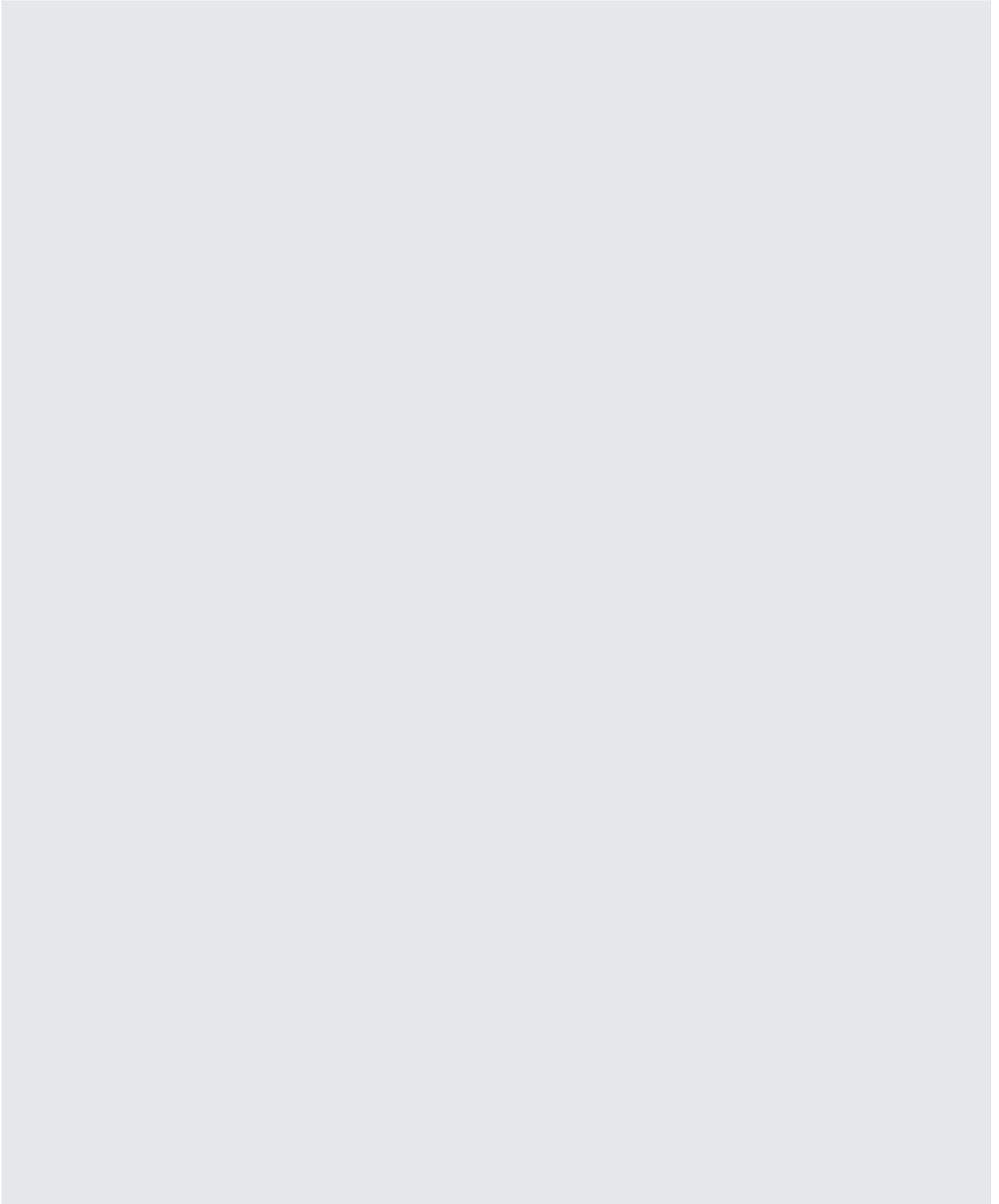
The Heart Link Program is a Newcomer's Orientation for the spouse of a service man or woman and is focused on educating him or her on the mission of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the Tucson community. The program also offers a chance for spouses to meet other spouses.

While Heart Link is designed for spouses who have been married for five years or less, any spouse is welcome to attend.

The program is held quarterly with the next one scheduled for Nov. 3 at The Mirage Officers' Club from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A wide variety of information is covered and lunch and childcare are also available to all who attend.

For more information on the Heart Link Program, or to sign up, contact the family support center at 228-5690.





D-M Airmen also 'Semper Fi'

By Staff Sgt. Patrick Ryan
48th Rescue Squadron

Most Americans are not aware there are still many insurgents in the country of Afghanistan. They are waging war on Americans who are there to bring a better life to the hard working citizens who wish for peace and stability. Daily, American and coalition forces, as well as innocent civilians working to better the country, are engaged by enemy forces attempting to disrupt and deter their efforts.

I flew on many sorties during a deployment to Afghanistan. One mission I feel was most significant was a mission to provide combat search and rescue for Air Force assets flying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On this occasion we had the honor of supporting other assets such as Marine Corps and Army infantry units who were patrolling the foothills and villages in an attempt to root out Al Qaeda and Taliban forces maintaining presence throughout the country. These troops came in enemy contact on a regular basis.

A few hours after sunset we were notified that a Marine Corps infantry unit was ambushed by Al Qaeda forces 80 kilometers north of our staging location. Due to our unique night capability and helicopter armament, we were called to action.

These were our boys in contact with the enemy and they were looking to us for help.

As I came out of the Pararescue Tactical Operations Center to get my gear together, I saw many men and women moving with a sense of urgency and purpose. We all had a job to do, whether to fly the helicopter, make sure it was mechanically sound, prep aircrew flight gear, or be ready to provide field trauma medicine. Regardless of our job, we were all ready to fight when ordered and it was clear that we were working with professionals who had one focus; to save lives.

This particular night, my pararescue jumper team leader was Senior Master Sgt. Joel Lukens, a PJ with over 20 years of experience. We also had a solid crew of experienced helicopter pilots flight engineers and gunners. I couldn't have felt more confident.

As we stepped to the bird, it was extremely dark and hazy. The ground crews were working diligently to accommodate an expeditious launch. No words were spoken between the aircrew as we geared ourselves up for battle, but nods of understanding were

exchanged. Understand that this was the real deal, what we trained for and what we longed for, a chance to execute the 'Big Mish.' On the other bird was an equally solid crew of brave men. Brave men who would fly in with us in support of the two ship mission package. Preflight checklists were run, engines were started and rotors were turning 15 minutes after we received our mission notification.

Our crew made communications with the 'Lead' (the flight leader of the two ship formation) and confirmed they were ready for takeoff. Without hesitation, both pilots pulled pitch and we were off into the night sky. Flying low and fast, the Paves elegantly wove their way through the rocky desert terrain.

Enroute to the site, cabin doors open, the warm night air whipped through the cabin. We prepped intravenous, O2, litters and other medical gear anticipated to be necessary.

Once in the terminal area, communications were made with the Marines to designate a signaling device for marking their location. Perched at the edge of the cabin door, we scanned the area with our night vision goggles for their location and any enemy threats.

Spotting our survivors' location, the pilot brought the bird around to set up for his approach. He then took the aircraft in to final approach. Those designated as primary pickup prepared for infil as the bird came into the landing zone. The terrain was uneven, rocky and clustered with boulders that jutted up around us.

As the aircraft flared for landing, the powdery dust kicked up in a cloud completely obscuring the pilots' and crews' visual references. So the crew did what they do best and landed the bird without the luxury of sight.

Once on the ground, a Marine came out of the dust to lead us to his wounded brother. Obviously concerned for his teammate's well being, he anxiously grabbed the litter and ran to the site; one hundred meters from the position of the helicopter. We followed and found our man fully kitted out and weapons in hand.

Taking cover behind a large boulder and some brush, the wounded Marine was being tended to by two of his compatriots. He winced and let out a yell or two as we moved him onto the litter.

A Pararescuer from the 48th Rescue Squadron is extracted up into a HH-60 Pave Hawk to simulate a rescue as part of their Alternate Insertion Extraction training here at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Photo illustration by Master Sgt. Brian Blangsted.



One of the men passed the injured man's status to me. He had been shot in the pelvis with an exit wound out the back of his right leg. Bandages were in place and he had been given morphine. After a few more words were exchanged, the four of us carried the wounded Marine to the helicopter. Instantly we were up and out of the vulnerable position on the ground.

The lead bird, while supporting us with an orbiting cover pattern, was looking for two Marines who were missing in action since the ambush. We flew in the orbiting pattern for a few minutes until I deemed the injured man needed surgery as soon as possible. His wounds, though dressed, had bright red blood running through the bandages onto the floor indicating a possible arterial bleed. We conveyed this to the crew who in turn made communications with lead.

The lead bird opted to stay as a single ship and continue to look for the Marines. Our aircraft pulled out of the formation and headed back to the staging location.

As we were coming into the airfield to land, we prepared for the transfer. But we did not yet leave our patient. We accompanied him to the clinic via ambulance. Once in the clinic, we passed the vital signs, drugs administered and injury information to the doctors.

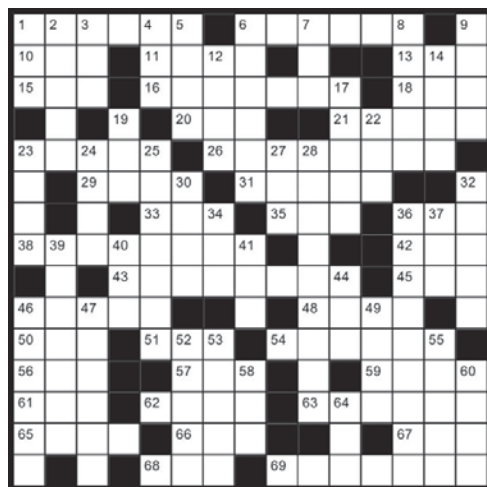
A good handoff had taken place, so we walked back to the helicopter, which awaited our return. Then headed back to rejoin the lead bird still searching for the MIA Marines.

It was another day in the war against terrorism.

In the Pacific

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs



(The solution for this week's crossword puzzle is located on Page 24.)

Across

1. PACAF base in Japan
6. PACAF base in Korea
10. Mil. operation performed since 9/11
11. Continent within PACAF AOR
13. Internet provider, in short
15. Oklahoma town
16. Type of arrest?
18. USA opponent in Civil War
20. ALS, ABC, NCOA, SOS, etc.
21. Glows
23. Plane flown by 3 WG at 28 Down
26. PACAF base in Guam
29. Entertainment presented between the acts of a show
31. 1939 Oscar winner *Over the Rainbow* composer

33. Period
35. Paramedic, in brief
36. Friend
38. Dispensable
42. Bullring cheer
43. Colorless liquid used in synthetic rubber
45. Lawn
46. John Wayne movie
48. Actress Moore
50. Simpson trial judge
51. US foe 1954-1975
54. PACAF base in Japan
56. 102 to Caesar
57. Football stat
59. Competent
61. Ring results
62. Andy's boy in Mayberry
63. Leg bone
65. Again
66. Airport abbrev.
67. Decay
68. A Gershwin
69. PACAF station in Hawaii

Down

1. Flightless bird
2. Country within PACAF AOR
3. Body of water
4. Mil. organization in WWII
5. Quickly!
6. PACAF base in Japan
7. Fed. organization concerned with arts
8. Mother-of-pearl
9. Sigh of woe
12. Cook expert who wrote *The Joy of Cooking*
14. PACAF base in Korea
17. Punctuation mark
19. Everything
22. Branch of DoD
23. Paradise
24. Absent
25. PACAF base in Alaska
27. Rapping doctor?
28. PACAF base in

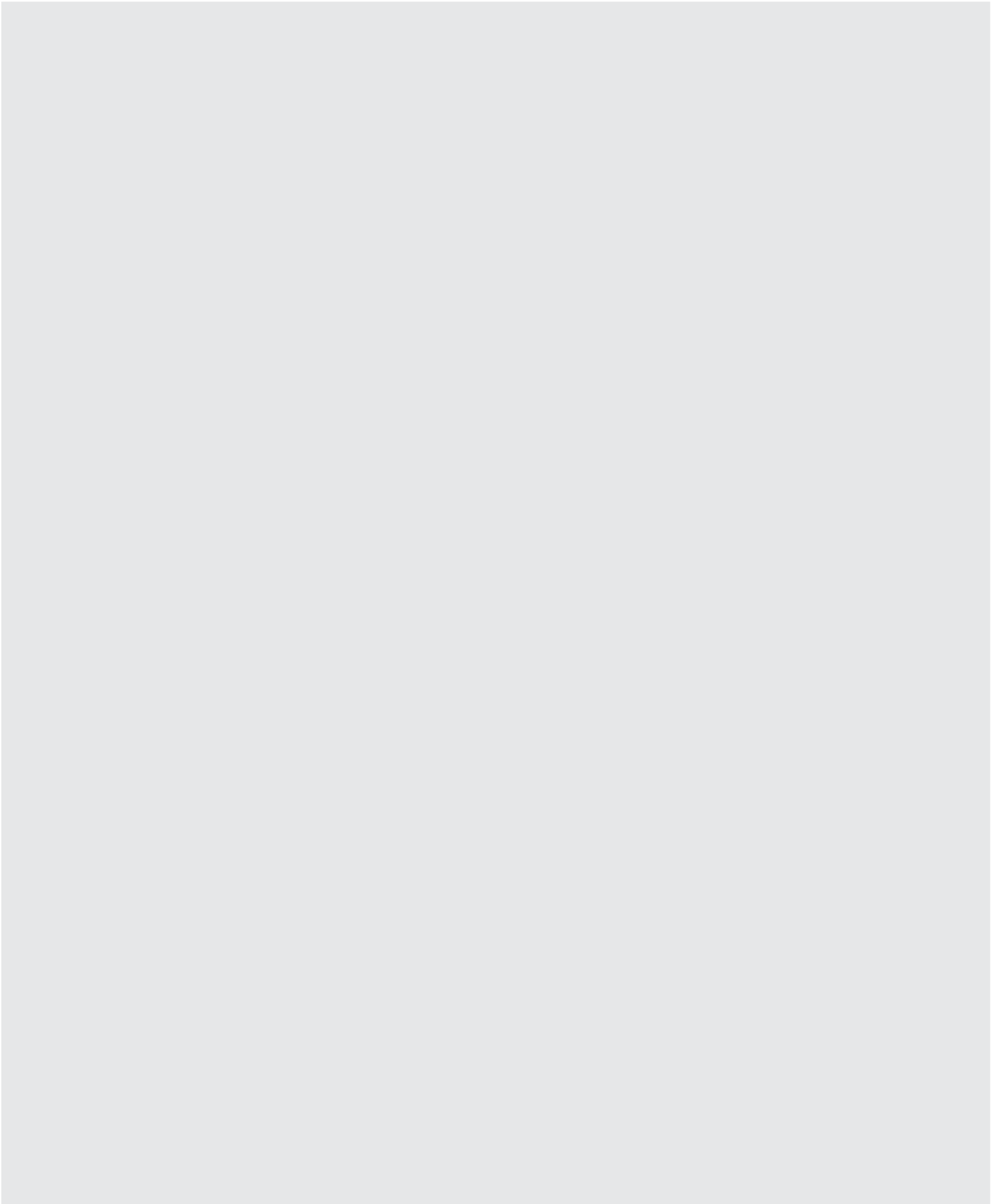
- Alaska
30. Cookie
32. AFS in Alaska
34. Cleopatra killer
36. Chief political committee of a Communist party
37. Pub order
39. Sentiment
40. Effectuated
41. ___ Lanka
44. ___! *The Cat* cartoon
46. PACAF base in Hawaii
47. Thumps or clashes
49. Utah town
52. Nickname of plane flown by 35 FW at 1 Across
53. Thomas accuser Hill
55. Permit
58. Afternoon drink to Tony Blair?
60. Dines
64. Sick

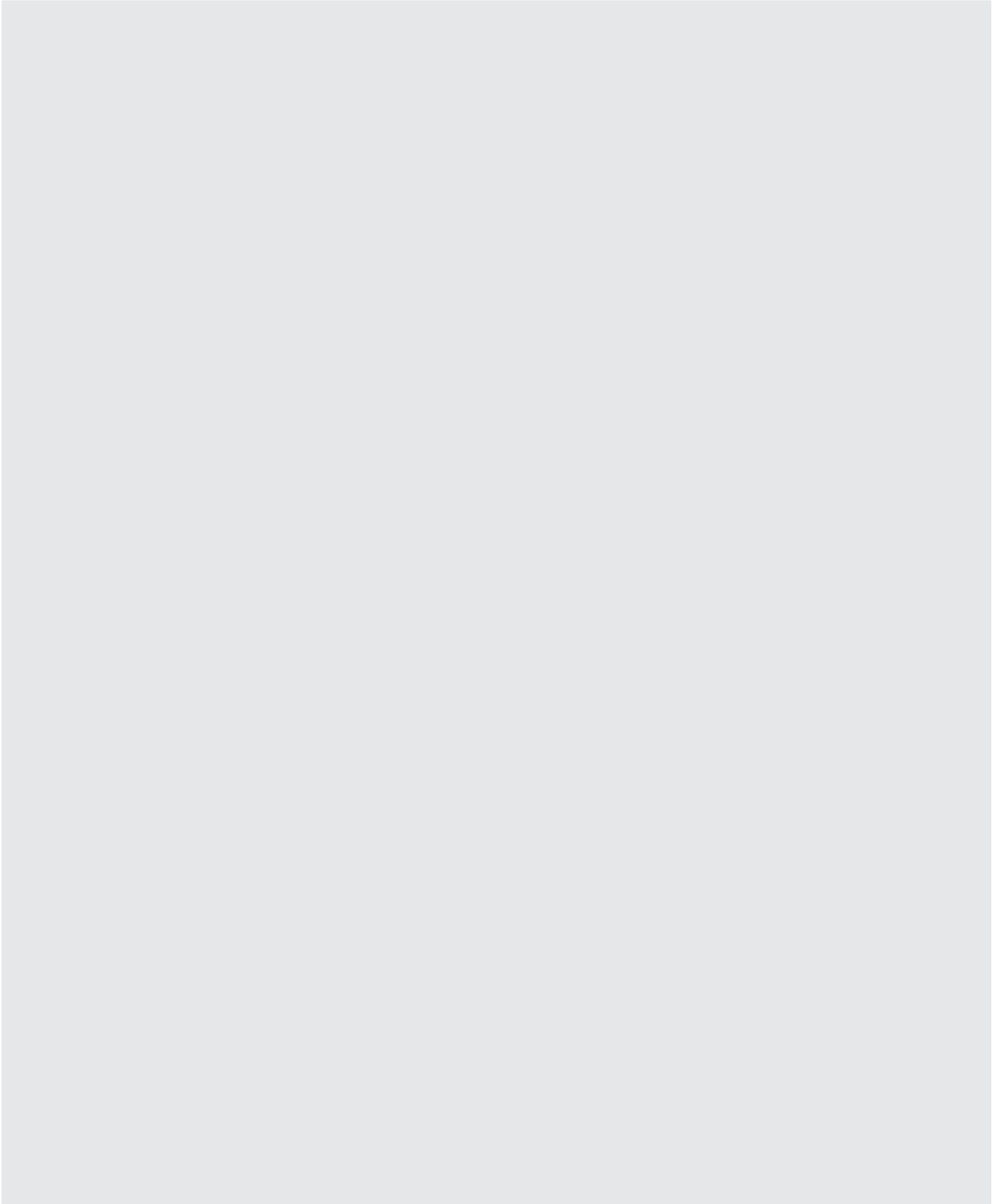


Get 100 free paintballs when you rent two paintball packs at D-M's Paintball Range.

Limit one coupon per customer. Expense to GLAC 752A5. Expires Oct. 15, 2004.

Desert
Lightning
Freebies





CE, MSG score Sports Day golds

The Davis-Monthan community participated in Sport Day Sept. 30, which included a wide variety of events like racquetball, tennis, golf, bowling, one-pitch softball, horseshoes, football throw and more. A total of 15 points were awarded for first place, 10 points for second place and five points for third place for each event. After 17 events, the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron and 355th Communications Squadron were tied with a total of 165 points. The 355th CES took the gold for the squadron level for completing seven more pull-ups than 355th CS. The 355th Mission Support Group won at the group level with a total of 710 points.



(Left) Master Sgt. Bobby Phillips passes Airman 1st Class Aaron Kissel, both with 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and a defender to try and score a basket.

(Below) 1st Lt. David Anderson, 355th Communications Squadron, competes in the endurance competition as Staff Sgt. Keith Jacobsen, 355th Services Squadron, holds his feet.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Master Sgt. Scott Drayna (left), 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Sergio Heras, 355th Dental Squadron, battle it out at the net during a sand volleyball match.



(Above) Tech. Sgt. Marcus Nash, 355th Maintenance Group, encourages Tech. Sgt. Richard Meyers, 355th Communications Squadron, to pull even harder during the tug-of-war competition.



(Left) 1st Lt. Ben Rudolph, 358th Fighter Squadron, and Senior Airman Corey Potter (right), 355th Operations Support Squadron, power through the last bit of the 5K run. The run was held on Sunglow Road and kicked off the Davis-Monthan Sports Day Sept. 30.



The 355th Services Squadron (right) races to catch the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, who won the bed race.

Sports Shorts

D-M scores during Armed Forces World Softball Tournament

Congratulations to the Base Men's Softball Team who placed second at the Armed Forces World Softball Tournament in Class B. The tournament was held in Garland, Texas Aug. 20 to 22. The following players were on the team: 2nd Lt. Chris Haley, Master Sgt. Bob Rice, Master Sgt. Rich Marquesen, Master Sgt. Lynn Parker, Staff Sgt. Jerry Sauder, Staff Sgt. Brian Haskell, Staff Sgt. Kelly Adams, Staff Sgt. Michael Corcoran, Senior Airman Justin Newton, Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Spell and Airman 1st Class Tony Combs. The following players earned a place on the All Armed Forces World Tournament Team: Sergeant Parker, Sergeant Haskell and Airman Newton. Airman Combs was named the tournament's Most Valuable Defensive Player.

Congratulations to the team who put forth a great effort and whos players represented D-M proudly and professionally.

Half mile race winners

Congratulations to the participants of the D-M Fitness and Sports Center Marathon Prep-Series Program who completed a half-

marathon race Sunday. The following are the winners of the race: Luis Figueroa with a time of 1:31:03, Veronica Rudolphi with a time of 1:35:54, Ben Rudolphi with a time of 1:36:16, Lisa Firestone with a time of 1:36:36 and Lee Amerson with a time of 1:38:15. In addition, in the Oct. 1 edition of the Desert Airman, the winners of the men's 10 mile race were misidentified. The winner was Luis Figueroa with a time of 1:13:43 and in second place was Robert Barron with a time of 1:14:35. The next race is 16 miles Oct. 24.

Lady-Niners looking for players

Women who have Wednesday mornings free and would like to have some fun and get some exercise are invited to join the Lady-Niners golf league. The league has tournaments, luncheons and plenty of laughs to keep their participants busy. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call Mary Pat Sullivan at 749-4812.

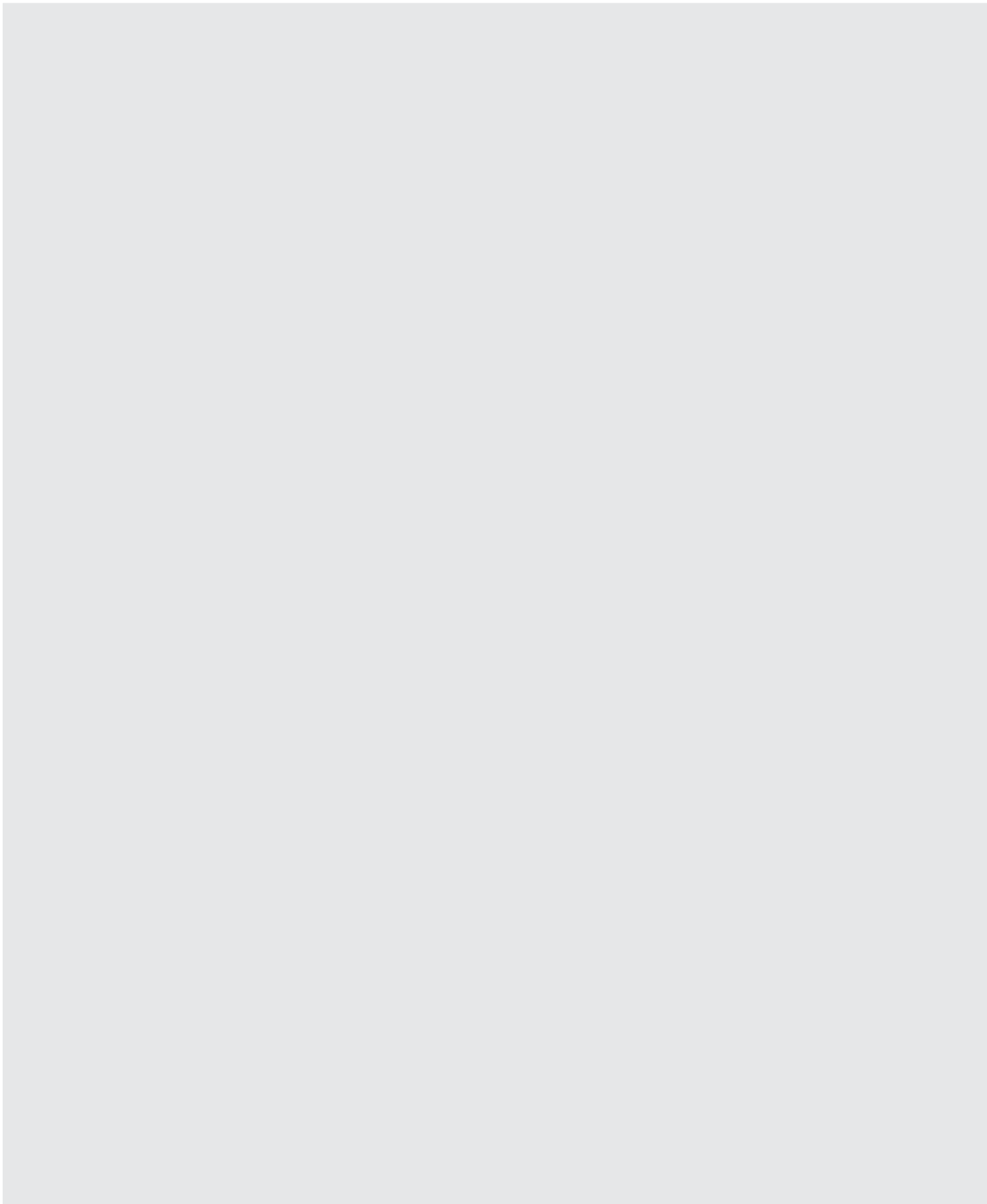
Football Frenzy prizes

Another exciting year of Football Frenzy has kicked off at The Desert Oasis Club with club members once again taking home a wide variety of prizes. Prizes and giveaways include authentic National Football League football jerseys, club bucks, gift certificates and dozens of sponsor gifts. In addition to

being treated to the football game on seven screens, club members also have the opportunity to enjoy food and drink specials including \$3 pizzas, 25 cent hot wings and hoagies from Cabanas Restaurant. Club members also have a chance to win Air Force Club prizes that include a plasma television, a trip to a regular season NFL game, the 2005 Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. or the 2005 Pro Bowl in Hawaii. There are also a variety of local prizes up for grabs for those who attend Football Frenzy events including a deluxe barbecue grill from Home Depot and an X-Box System with the game Madden NFL 2005. More local grand prizes are expected to be announced soon. For a chance to win some of these prizes, stop by the club every Monday night. For more information regarding Football Frenzy, call The Desert Oasis at 748-8666 or 228-3100.

Teen paintball trip

Teens are invited to go to Desert Fox Paintball Range Oct. 16 for a morning of paintball. The trip will leave the youth center at 8 a.m. and will return around noon. Cost is \$20 per teen. Space is limited and permission slips are required. Participants should bring old pants and shirts, a water bottle and extra money for additional paintballs. For more information, call 228-8844.



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Working Women's Power Hour

All civilian and active duty women working on D-M are invited to the Working Women's Power Hour. Sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, the Power Hour is a time of lunch and fellowship with a short, uplifting devotion. The Working Women's Power Hour is every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club in the Saguaro Room. Those wanting lunch can buy it at the club before joining the group for the power-packed event. Call Cindy Scott at 514-1031 to make a reservation at least two days prior to the event.

Education Services

BTES closure

The Base Training and Education Services office will be closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

BOT Commissioning Program

The Basic Officer Training Program has undergone several changes. The following degrees qualify to meet a BOT Critical-Technical Board: electrical engineering, meteorology or atmosphere science. Active duty Air Force applicants who possess the following criteria qualify: currently performing in the 1W0XX career field with forecasting experience, an awarded Community College of the Air Force degree in Weather Technology and a non-specific accredited bachelor degree. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

BOT Technical Board

The Basic Officer Training Commissioning Program will accept the following degrees to meet a Technical Board: all Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology engineering degrees except for electrical

engineering, architecture, chemistry, computer science, computer/electrical/electronic engineering technology, mathematics and physics. Technology degrees only qualify for Air Force Speciality Code 33S1, communications-computer systems officer. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation counseling

This class takes place at the family support center Tuesday and Oct. 19 from 9 to 10 a.m. This is mandatory for military members and will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 15 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. Call 228-5690 to sign up.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Sponsorship training

To learn how to make a great first impression for new members assigned to base, attend the Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This class is required for sponsors and covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources and information. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Hearts Apart Welcome Home Banners

Come join Hearts Apart Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hope Chapel when they make banners to welcome home spouses from deployment. Free pizza, refreshments and supplies are provided. You must be registered and make reservations by Tuesday. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Black Heritage Association

The next BHA meeting is Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. in the Saguaro Room at The Mirage Officers' Club. They are looking to invite new members or even volunteers to assist with fundraisers for the 2004 to 2005 base wide events. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Robin Hawkins at 228-2688 or Tech. Sgt. Robin Boyd at 228-5620.

Nam Jam Outdoor Concert

The 17th Annual Nam Jam Outdoor Con-

cert is Oct. 24 at Gene C. Reid Park's DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The park is on 22nd Street and Country Club Road. Admission and parking are free. There will be live entertainment, carnival games and a beer tent. Food, refreshments and military and prisoner of war memorabilia will be available for purchase. All backpacks and closed containers will be inspected. Carry-in alcohol, illicit drugs and weapons are not allowed. For more information, call 520-799-2682.

Thrift shop

The thrift shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for DoD ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Friday: Without a Paddle (PG-13)

Three young guys go into the Oregon wilderness in search of lost treasure. They take a canoe upriver and everything that can go wrong, does. Hunted by two backwoods farmers, they encounter death-defying rapids, tree-hugging hippie chicks and a crazy old mountain man played by Burt Reynolds. The friends must overcome their differences in order to survive. *1 hour, 35 minutes*



Saturday: Alien vs. Predator (PG-13)

The showdown between the monster franchises takes place on present day Earth. A group of scientists and adventurers discover an ancient pyramid in Antarctica. Soon, they're caught in a ritual battle where young Predators face-off against Aliens as a right of passage into manhood. *1 hour, 27 minutes*



Sunday: Open Water (R)

A couple decides to be adventurous and goes on a scuba diving expedition while on vacation. But, when they accidentally get left behind, they must hold on to each other and learn how to fend for themselves in shark-infested waters. *1 hour, 19 minutes*



Services Activities

German Oktoberfest

There is a German Oktoberfest at The Mirage Officers' Club today from 5 to 9 p.m. Participants can enjoy German food while listening to the Rusty Greer Band featuring Hildegard. There will be plenty of fun and prize giveaways throughout the evening. The cost is \$14.95 but members receive a \$2 discount. The cost for children is \$5.95 for children ages 6 to 12 years and free for children 5 and under. All D-M personnel and families are invited. For more information call 228-3301.

Ice cream social

The youth center would like to invite youth and parents to a free ice cream social Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to see all they have to offer. The center is a safe place for D-M youth to enhance their social skills, life skills, get support with school work and to get involved in recreational activities. For more information, call 228-8844.

Boss's Day

National Boss's Day is Oct. 15. The Fifth Street Balloon Shop in the community center will have a wide variety of balloon bouquets available. Also, bring your boss to Stormy's Cafe for coffee Oct. 15 from 7:30 to 10 a.m. and

receive a free coffee or 16 ounce beverage with the boss's danish or muffin order. For more information, call 228-3717.

Bingo games

The community center invites the entire Desert Lightning Community to come out and enjoy Bingo games every Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There are lots of great Bingo games, cash prizes and jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. Participants must be 18 years to play.

There are also Family Bingo games Nov. 7 and Dec. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 228-3717 or stop by the center in Building 4201 on 5th Street.

Fall West Fest

The 2004 Family and Teen Talent Show and Fall West Fest is Oct. 30 at the D-M Youth Center. Those who are interested in participating in the Family and Teen Talent Show can do so now at the community center or youth center.

Tickets for the Fall West Fest are \$5 and include fun activities like carnival games, make-and-take craft tables, jumping castles, door prize drawing with a variety of prizes and a special basketball registration booth. Participants and spectators of the Teen Talent Show can attend the Fall West Fest for free. The Youth Center Snack Bar will be open with lunch specials, drinks, candy, chips

and more. The Fall West Fest Carnival is from 1 to 4 p.m. and the Talent Show is from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 228-3500 or 228-8844.

Pumpkin search, corn maze trip

Join Information, Tickets and Travel as they head just west of Tucson to Buckelew Farms for a pumpkin search and corn maze trip Oct. 16. Draft horses will pull wagons into the pumpkin patch where participants can search for the perfect pumpkin. The wagons will then return to the tent area after selection is complete. Local youth will assist with the unloading and weighing of the pumpkins and then help transport them to the ITT van. The pumpkins are 20 cents per pound. A variety of gourds will also be for sale. Additional festivities include the challenge of the farm's 11-acre "Headless Horseman" Corn Maze, browsing through the arts and crafts tent and feeding the animals in the 4-H petting zoo. The little ones can even take a pony ride. This year's Corn Maze design includes more than four miles of trail winding through 11 acres of corn field. It requires approximately two hours to complete. A total of 12 checkpoints are contained within the maze to serve as a guide and help participants gauge their success. Cost for the event is \$15 and includes transportation and parking only. Prices for the events vary. For more information, call 228-3736.

